

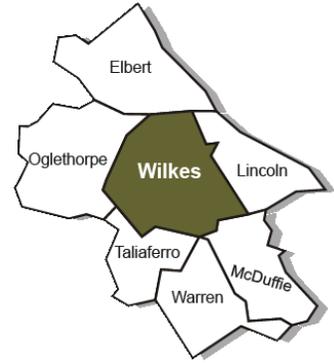


Georgia

Area Labor Profile

Wilkes

County



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Labor Force Activity - 2020

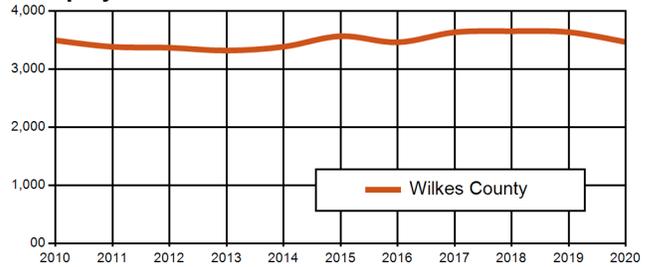
2020 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Wilkes	3,712	3,464	248	6.7%
Elbert	7,969	7,418	551	6.9%
Lincoln	3,497	3,307	190	5.4%
McDuffie	8,695	8,016	679	7.8%
Oglethorpe	6,791	6,464	327	4.8%
Taliaferro	530	492	38	7.2%
Warren	2,635	2,456	179	6.8%
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>33,829</b>	<b>31,617</b>	<b>2,212</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
Georgia	5,072,155	4,741,191	330,964	6.5%
United States	160,742,000	147,795,000	12,947,000	8.1%

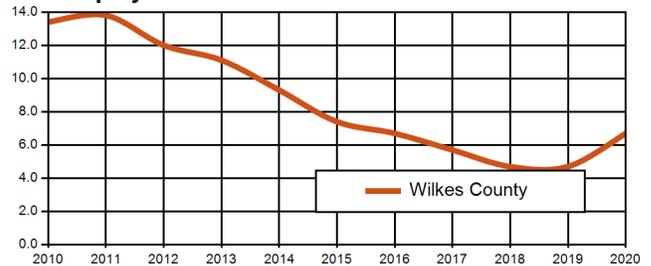
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment Trends

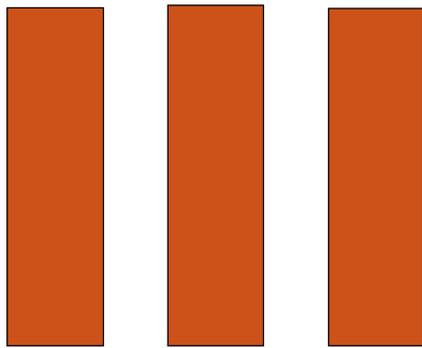


Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates

10,597      10,687      10,593



1990      2000      2010

Population

	2010 Census	2020 Rank	2020 Estimate	% Change 2010-2020	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Wilkes</b>	<b>10,593</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>9,694</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>9,506</b>	<b>-10.3</b>
City of Washington	4,134					
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>83,080</b>		<b>80,399</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>80,175</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,710,017	10.6	11,335,283	17.0
United States	308,745,538		329,484,123	6.7	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - Annual averages of 2020

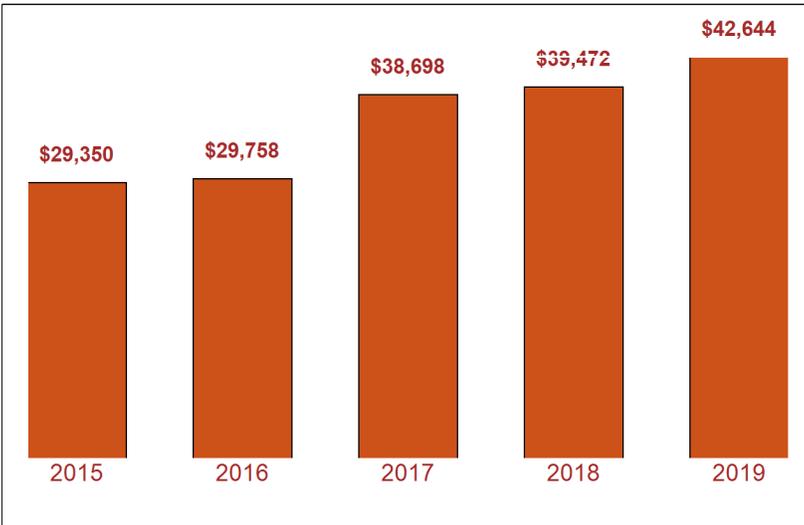
INDUSTRY	Wilkes				Wilkes Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>6,434</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>889</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	15	92	3.7	862	64	690	3.5	816
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	2	*	*	*	31	382	2.0	1,100
Construction	11	198	7.9	1,229	166	1,303	6.7	905
Manufacturing	14	320	12.7	816	153	4,057	20.8	876
Food	1	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Textile Product Mills	1	*	*	*	3	45	0.2	539
Wood Product	5	170	6.8	720	17	616	3.2	1,033
Paper	1	*	*	*	3	*	*	*
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	5	375	1.9	1,009
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	1	*	*	*	58	902	4.6	799
Fabricated Metal Product	3	*	*	*	24	193	1.0	685
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	3	44	0.2	710
Miscellaneous	0	0	0.0	0	4	10	0.1	443
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	511	2.6	971
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	7	527	2.7	834
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	8	56	0.3	1,086
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>8,415</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>637</b>
Utilities	1	*	*	*	5	71	0.4	1,531
Wholesale Trade	9	74	2.9	1,109	95	817	4.2	983
Retail Trade	49	354	14.1	485	270	2,295	11.8	525
Transportation and Warehousing	8	33	1.3	563	63	350	1.8	896
Information	2	*	*	*	13	128	0.7	1,560
Finance and Insurance	11	95	3.8	1,021	74	510	2.6	1,045
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	6	16	0.6	560	37	81	0.4	764
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10	31	1.2	764	95	311	1.6	775
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	6	44	0.2	1,129
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	7	43	1.7	690	70	415	2.1	527
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	3	87	0.4	587
Health Care and Social Assistance	22	226	9.0	424	143	1,680	8.6	613
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0	0	0.0	0	16	80	0.4	372
Accommodation and Food Services	23	144	5.7	286	113	1,209	6.2	273
Other Services (except Public Administration)	11	35	1.4	479	89	309	1.6	532
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>708</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>14,849</b>	<b>76.3</b>	<b>746</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>4,619</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>695</b>
Federal Government	5	32	1.3	873	35	242	1.2	1,205
State Government	11	64	2.5	618	62	366	1.9	757
Local Government	15	643	25.6	677	75	4,011	20.6	658
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>19,467</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>734</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>320,152</b>	<b>4,308,816</b>		<b>1,132</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are annual averages of 2020.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

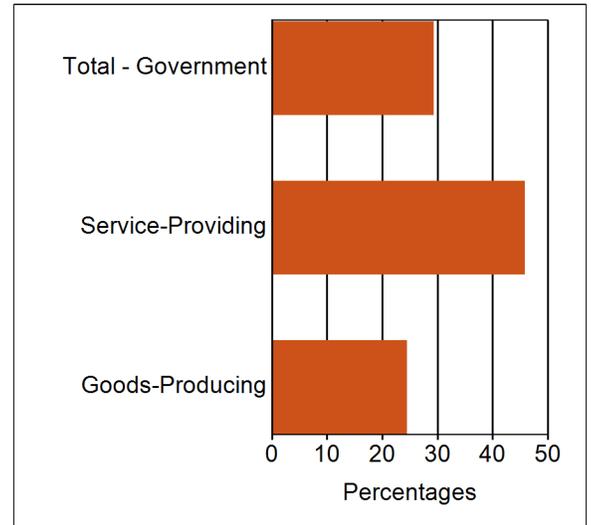
## Wilkes Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Wilkes Industry Mix 2020

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2020\*

### Wilkes

Anthony Forest Products Co  
 Barnett Southern Corporation  
 BI-LO, LLC  
 Burt Lumber Co, Inc.  
 CSRA Private Duty, Inc.  
 F&M Bank  
 Ingles Markets, Inc.  
 McDonalds  
 Pliant Corporation  
 Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Fourth Quarter of 2020. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Wilkes Area

Family Care, Inc.  
 Georgia-Pacific Wood Products, LLC  
 H P Pelzer (Automotive Systems), Inc.  
 Mollertech South, LLC  
 Pilgrim's Pride Corporation  
 Shaw Industries Group, Inc.  
 The York Group  
 Thomson Plastics, Inc.  
 University McDuffie County Regional  
 Walmart

### COUNTY

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## Education of the Labor Force

### Wilkes Area

### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	9.5%	3.9%	4.7%	5.9%	7.6%	22.7%
Some High School	18.7%	28.2%	20.5%	15.9%	17.1%	17.1%
High School Grad/GED	39.1%	39.0%	39.4%	39.9%	40.2%	36.4%
Some College	17.3%	22.5%	18.1%	19.7%	16.9%	12.7%
College Grad 2 Yr	5.5%	3.4%	7.4%	7.6%	6.3%	2.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	6.0%	2.7%	6.1%	7.4%	6.9%	4.8%
Post Graduate Studies	3.9%	0.3%	3.8%	3.7%	5.0%	4.3%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents workers with some college with no degree less than two years.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2020



	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>PRIVATE SCHOOLS*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Elbert	152	--	152
Lincoln	87	--	87
McDuffie	226	--	226
Oglethorpe	137	--	137
Taliaferro	11	--	11
Warren	40	--	40
Wilkes	81	--	81
<b>Wilkes Area</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>734</b>

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2020 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

## Colleges and Universities

### Wilkes Area

#### Elbert

Elbert County Campus (Satellite campus of Athens Technical College) [www.athenstech.edu/](http://www.athenstech.edu/)

#### McDuffie

Thomson Campus (Satellite campus of Augusta Technical College) [www.augustatech.edu](http://www.augustatech.edu)

Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	167	177	169	6.0	-4.5
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	62	65	33	4.8	-49.2
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	17	11	15	-35.3	36.4
Aircraft Powerplant Technology/Technician°	5	7	9	40.0	28.6
Airframe Mechanics and Aircraft Maintenance Technology/Technician°	8	10	9	25.0	-10.0
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	56	75	64	33.9	-14.7
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	49	70	48	42.9	-31.4
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	337	362	274	7.4	-24.3
Barbering/Barber°	25	20	35	-20.0	75.0
Biology Technician/Biotechnology Laboratory Technician°	13	19	9	46.2	-52.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	128	140	149	9.4	6.4
Business Administration, Management and Operations, Other	5	3	2	-40.0	-33.3
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	18	19	6	5.6	-68.4
Cardiovascular Technology/Technologist	7	6	6	-14.3	0.0
Carpentry/Carpenter°	7	4	20	-42.9	400.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	174	205	195	17.8	-4.9

# Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	237	193	98	-18.6	-49.2
Computer Programming Special Applications°	32	48	20	50.0	-58.3
Computer Programming, Specific Applications°	22	29	26	31.8	-10.3
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	21	13	18	-38.1	38.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	255	274	188	7.5	-31.4
Criminal Justice/Police Science°	40	27	36	-32.5	33.3
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	128	132	85	3.1	-35.6
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	29	27	9	-6.9	-66.7
Customer Service Support/Call Center/Teleservice Operation	4	4	2	0.0	-50.0
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	30	15	3	-50.0	-80.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	118	107	101	-9.3	-5.6
Dental Assisting/Assistant	33	19	26	-42.4	36.8
Dental Hygiene/Hygienist	12	11	8	-8.3	-27.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	105	97	88	-7.6	-9.3
Diesel Mechanics Technology/Technician°	61	83	33	36.1	-60.2
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	27	20	9	-25.9	-55.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	102	70	95	-31.4	35.7
Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician	16	7	13	-56.3	85.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	7	13	9	85.7	-30.8
Electrician°	227	233	144	2.6	-38.2
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	88	125	74	42.0	-40.8
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	6	3	11	-50.0	266.7
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	24	20	27	-16.7	35.0
Food Preparation/Professional Cooking/Kitchen Assistant°	74	42	36	-43.2	-14.3
General Office Occupations and Clerical Services°	52	33	21	-36.5	-36.4
Golf Course Operation and Grounds Management°	15	5	12	-66.7	140.0
Graphic Design°	21	20	17	-4.8	-15.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician	9	2	8	-77.8	300.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	95	105	99	10.5	-5.7
Hospitality Administration/Management, General°	20	64	26	220.0	-59.4
Hotel/Motel Administration/Management°	3	15	7	400.0	-53.3
Human Resources Management and Services, Other°	2	11	9	450.0	-18.2
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	63	67	87	6.3	29.9
Interior Design°	42	47	15	11.9	-68.1
Legal Assistant/Paralegal	16	21	16	31.3	-23.8
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	76	75	80	-1.3	6.7

# Technical College Graduates - 2020\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2018	2019	2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	38	59	15	55.3	-74.6
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	19	24	19	26.3	-20.8
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	5	18	22	260.0	22.2
Mechanical Engineering/Mechanical Technology/Technician	5	4	9	-20.0	125.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	14	8	10	-42.9	25.0
Medical Insurance Specialist/Medical Biller°	10	11	4	10.0	-63.6
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	19	22	33	15.8	50.0
Medical/Clinical Assistant	77	92	81	19.5	-12.0
Medical/Health Management and Clinical Assistant/Specialist	16	12	15	-25.0	25.0
Medium/Heavy Vehicle and Truck Technology/Technician°	74	110	83	48.6	-24.5
Meeting and Event Planning°	9	14	7	55.6	-50.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	42	38	36	-9.5	-5.3
Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician	13	9	14	-30.8	55.6
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	118	145	98	22.9	-32.4
Occupational Therapist Assistant	13	20	14	53.8	-30.0
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant	30	31	38	3.3	22.6
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	14	12	9	-14.3	-25.0
Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant	17	17	15	0.0	-11.8
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	36	35	33	-2.8	-5.7
Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse	75	85	77	13.3	-9.4
Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist	28	22	21	-21.4	-4.5
Selling Skills and Sales Operations°	12	11	2	-8.3	-81.8
Social Work, Other°	31	33	29	6.5	-12.1
Surgical Technology/Technologist	35	28	17	-20.0	-39.3
Teacher Assistant/Aide°	1	1	2	0.0	100.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	120	179	158	49.2	-11.7
Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinary Assistant°	21	18	10	-14.3	-44.4
Welding Technology/Welder°	459	561	379	22.2	-32.4

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

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